

Joseph Atkins – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

Joseph Atkins was born in Eastham in 1670. He was the son of Henry Atkins who was the first Atkins in Eastham and his wife Bethia Bennet. Joseph had five brothers but only two of his brothers appear in the Eastham land records. Joseph received more land grants than his father or his two brothers

1703

Granted to Joseph Atkins and Stephen Atwood and their heirs two parcels of meadow each about one acre at Little Billingsgate on Egg Island. PDF A283.

Granted to Joseph Atkins and his heirs about four acres of upland at Little Billingsgate next to his other land and next to land of John Atwood. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T66.

Granted to Joseph Atkins and his heirs about four acres on Lieutenant's Island on the northerly side of the swamp. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T66.

Granted to Joseph Atkins and his heirs a six acre wood lot at the westerly end of Herring Pond at Billingsgate and next to the wood lot of Ebenezer Freeman. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T66.

1711

Granted to Joseph Atkins, Modad Atwood, Elisha Cole, William Cole, Daniel Smith and Samuel Mayo the twenty-first lot out of twenty-four lots laid out at Great Island at Billingsgate. The dimensions given in the record were not complete but probably the lot was about seven acres like most of the other lots at Great Island. PDF T89.

1714

The Town exchanged about four acres of land with Joseph Atkins at Chequesset to lay out a forty foot way near his house. The new land for Atkins was next to his other land. Bounds were indicted by marked trees. PDF T189.

1715

Granted to Joseph Atkins and his heirs about twelve and one-half acres at Chequeset at Little Billingsgate. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T251.

Granted to Joseph Atkins and his heirs a wood lot on the east side of the way to Herring Brook and next to the wood lot of Daniel Mayo. The Atkins wood lot ran due east 320 pole (one mile) and north thirty-two pole which was about sixty-four acres. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T289.

The Eastham land owned by Joseph Atkins or granted in his name to his heirs described in these records amounts to about ninety-five acres mostly due to his sixty-five acre wood lot. By 1745 three more Atkins including his father received Eastham land grants.